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"SHE--SHE TOLD ME HER NAME WAS LISA... AND SHE CAME HERE WANTING TO CHANGE HER LIFE...
"... INSTEAD SHE JUST MAY END IT--AS I HAVE ENDED MINE."
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NOW YIELD, OR DIE AS HE DID! YOU'RE NO PAXIS WARRIOR--
--AND I'VE NO MORE TIME FOR CHILDISH GAMES!
DON'T LISTEN TO THERMAKK, LISA! YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE--
--AND NOW I'VE GIVEN YOU THE POWER TO DO IT!
"EVEN AS SHE SEETHES WITH THE FORCES WHICH TRANSFIGURED HER, I FEAR THAT WHATEVER HER BRAVADO, WHATEVER HER NEWFOUND ABILITIES, SHE'S DOOMED TO FAIL, AS I HAVE."
PAXIS
RISEN
WITH THANKS TO MARK PACELLA

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RETURN WHAT YOU'VE STOLEN, GIRL! THAT POWER WAS NOT ESCHBACHER'S TO GIVE!
ONLY THOSE CHOSEN--THE TRANSCENDENT FEW--CAN WIELD MY PEOPLE'S MIGHT!
IF THAT IS WHAT IT TAKES...
KRAK
...THEN SO BE IT!
"I KNOW SHE WILL FAIL, AS WE DID, SO LONG AGO, AS I KNOW THAT IT'S MY FAULT."
WHAT HAVE I DONE? SHE'S NOT READY. NOT WORTHY!
I THOUGHT IT WAS A DREAM... MY HALF-MEMORIES OF FIGHTING TO SAVE THE EARTH FROM ALIENS ...MY LIFE AS A HYPERKING...
...BUT IT WAS TRUTH, NOT FICTION!
THE ANKH-KEY HELD THE POWER ALL THE TIME!
BOOM
BOOM
AND SINCE YOU DIDN'T CHOOSE ME--
"MUST I LEAVE THIS LIFE KNOWING MY SEARCH FOR WORTHY SUCCESSORS HAS BEEN IN VAIN--
YOU'LL TRAMPLE ME INTO THE GROUND--IS THAT IT?
YOU'RE NO THREAT, CHILD! SEE THAT, AND LIVE! ALONE, YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
"--KNOWING THE POWER RESTS IN HANDS THAT WILL SURELY END IT ALL?"

BUT SHE'S NOT ALONE!
THANKS FOR BUYING US TIME, SISTER -- NOW LET'S TAKE OUT LIZARD-BREATH BEFORE HE CAN DO ANY MORE DAMAGE!
IT'S CLEAR A DIRECT COURSE OF ACTION IS REQUIRED. HIS VIOLENCE MUST BE DETERRED.
SO MUCH IS CLEAR -- SO MUCH THAT I NEVER UNDERSTOOD BEFORE...
YEAH, WELL, UNTIL WE BUST UP BIG, MEAN, AN' GREEN HERE -- KEEP THOSE NEW REVELATIONS UNDER YOUR HAT!
HAT?
"THE GIRL LISA AND HER FRIENDS... THEY MAY MEAN WELL...
"... BUT I CAN'T LET THEM WIELD THE LEGACY UNGUIDED!"

"I... CAN'T DIE... NOT YET...!"
WAIT-- THE KEY! MAYBE I CAN--
AAAAAAAAGH!
GOD HELP THE WORLD... YOU CHILDREN... WILL HAVE TO... SUFFICE...
MORE OF YOU WHELPS?
HOW MANY OF OUR POWERS DID YOU STEAL?!
SHKK
ENOUGH TO TAKE YOU!
MORE'N ENOUGH FROM WHERE I STAND!
LET'S SEE HOW YOU CUT IT AGAINST SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE!
THREE AGAINST ONE, THERMAKK!
I THINK WE'VE EVENED THE ODDS...
THINK AGAIN, YOUNG FOOLS...
"I THINK AGAIN-- IF ONLY I COULD--
"...THESE CHILDREN HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY FACE!"
...STRENGTH... AND GRACE... MY HYPERKIND...
"TO GO BACK--"

"...AND CHOOSE AGAIN. IF I'D KNOWN THOSE HOURS AGO THAT THIS WOULD BE MY LAST DAY ON EARTH..."
HAND IT OVER, BUM! WE KNOW YOU GOT SOME GOLD ON YOU!
THERE! I GOT IT!
H-HARVEY? W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
IT BURNS-- BURNS!
DROP IT!
NO ONE... TOUCHES... THE ANKHS... WITHOUT MY SAY-SO...

LET HIM GO-- FREAKY OLD DUDE-- LET HIM GO...
"BLINDED BY THE FIERY FLASH OF THE STRANGE KEYS I'D GUARDED SO LONG, I STRUGGLED TO HOLD ON TO CONSCIOUSNESS, CATCHING THE FIRST FEW GRAINS OF MEMORY...
"...AS I FELT ONE OF THE BURNING IMPLEMENTS PART MY FLESH... AND SLIP INSIDE!
ARF! ARF!
...GOT TO... GET AWAY...

"SOMETHING WAS DIFFERENT! SOMEHOW I WAS... CHANGING!
"FLEEING...
"...FLOATING...
"...FLYING!
"BRINGING ME CLOSER TO THAT SWEET, FOOLISH GIRL, AT THE CROSSROADS OF HER LIFE..."

"AS SHE TOLD IT LATER, HER WORLD WAS ENDING THEN, AS MINE IS NOW. LIKE ME, SHE WAS LOST."
THWOK!
HOW CARE YOU?
BUT LISA, I--
DON'T "BUT LISA" ME! I GAVE YOU EVERYTHING, KENNY ZAMBETTI! I TRUSTED YOU--
--AND NOW YOU SAY YOU'D RATHER BE WITH THIS CHEAP PIECE OF STREET TRASH!
ALL THIS FUSS OVER LITTLE OL' ME! WHY, I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!
SHUT UP, DYAN!
KENNY AND LISA 'RE GOOD KIDS-- I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO INTRODUCE HIM TO A GIRL LIKE YOU!
I-I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT ANYMORE, LISA. CAN'T YOU TRY TO UNDERSTAND?
UNDERSTAND WHAT, KENNY? THAT YOU'D RATHER GO OUT WITH THAT-- THAT CREATURE TONIGHT?
DO YOU KNOW HOW THAT MAKES ME FEEL?
--TO COME IN SECOND BEST TO SOME TABLE DANCER YOU'VE GOT THE HOTS FOR!
I'M SORRY, LISA, I NEED TIME TO THINK... TIME TO SEE PEOPLE-- DYAN MAYBE-- BEFORE I SETTLE DOWN...
I NEVER MEANT FOR US TO GET SO SERIOUS. I THOUGHT WE WERE JUST HAVING SOME KICKS...
UNDERGROUND
GOD HELP ME... HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO BLIND?
GET AWAY FROM ME--ALL OF YOU!
WAIT, LISA! COME BACK, PLEASE!
"LIKE ME, SHE WAS ALONE..."

I THOUGHT KENNY LOVED ME. I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS FINALLY GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT...
...HE'D PROTECT ME, TAKE CARE OF ME. BUT SINCE KENNY QUIT SCHOOL, EVERYTHING'S CHANGED.
NOW I GUESS I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM. NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR ANYONE...
WELL, I'M NOT GOING BACK! THE KIDS AT SCHOOL-- MOM AND DAD-- NONE OF THEM UNDERSTANDS ME. NOT EVEN KENNY...
I'D RATHER JUST DIE HERE... IN SOME HOLLYWOOD ALLEYWAY... THAN GO THROUGH ANOTHER DAY LIKE THIS...
...ANOTHER DAY OF BEING WORTHLESS, OF HAVING NO ONE. I'D RATHER JUST DIE...
"LIKE ME, SHE WAS FALLING..."
FWIP
OH!
FWIP
YOU TWO DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE! LEMME TALK TO HER!
WE'RE COMING TOO, GEORGE! SHE SOUNDED SO... DESPERATE!

YOU--YOU FELL FROM THE SKY? HOW--?
I'M NOT SURE, GIRL... SOMETHING I CAN'T QUITE REMEMBER...
I...YOU'RE CRYING? DO YOU CRY FOR ME?
NO. FOR ME. MY WHOLE LIFE. I JUST DON'T WANT TO GO ON LIKE THIS ANYMORE.
HUSH, SWEET. YOU WILL FIND, WHEN YOU ARE AS OLD AS I, THAT LIFE-- ITS FREEEDOMS AND CHALLENGES--ARE THE ONLY THINGS WORTH PROTECTING.
AH, BUT THERE IS MORE, FOOLISH MAN. THERE IS PEACE.
WHO?
...A WANDERER WITH TALES TO TELL. COME, JOIN THE OTHERS AT MY FIRE, AND LET ME TELL YOU OF A RECENT PAST--NOW LOST TO US ALL!
CALL ME...THE OUTCHMAN... A WANDERER ON YOUR SHORES...
ARF

LET ME TELL YOU TALES OF HEROES!
ONCE THERE WERE TRUE HEROES--
--VALIANT MEN AND WOMEN WHO FLEW THROUGH THE AIR, SHOOTING POWERFUL RAYS FROM THEIR EYES, THEIR FISTS!
GODS WHO FOUGHT IN A BATTLE WE NOW CALL WORLD WAR ONE, AGAINST INVADING RACES FROM BEYOND THE STARS!
PAXUS THEY WERE CALLED-- AND THEY WERE SWORN TO UPHOLD THE PEACE OF PLANET EARTH AT ALL COSTS!
CLARION-- THE RIGHT EYE OF GOD!

DREAMDANCE --MISTRESS OF ILLUSION!
LOCKJAW-- STARK ANGEL OF INTELLECT!
TEMPEST-- THE FURIOUS WEREWOMAN!
AND ESCHBACHER -- THEIR SUPERSOLDIER LEADER!
BUT SUCH RADIANCE HAS BEEN BLED FROM THE EARTH IN ENSUING YEARS, AND I AM CALLED A CRACKPOT NOW...
... THE WAR OF THE WORLDS A HOAX, FOR THOSE BRAVE FEW WHO FOUGHT IT--GHOSTS WHO CANNOT REST, EVEN IN MEMORY!
BUT, OH, WHAT WONDERS I HAVE SEEN...

"THAT'S WHEN I SPOKE, FOOL THAT I WAS. HIS TALE SPARKED MY MEMORY FURTHER--
YOUR MIND DOES NOT BETRAY YOU, DUTCHMAN! NOR MINE! FOR I...
AM ESCHBACHER!
"--AS WAS HIS PLAN."
CHECK IT OUT, KENNY! SOMETHIN'S UP!
I THINK LISA'S IN OVER HER HEAD...
ESCHBACHER! FOR YEARS I'VE DREAMED OF THIS MEETING...
AAAAGH!
...DREAMED OF YOUR DEATH!
SKRAKKA
BLAM

I NEED WEAR THIS PITIFUL HUMAN FLESH NO LONGER!
SKLRIP
HAIL, THE MIGHTY THERMAK, LAWGIVER OF GHO--
--AND TREMBLE AT MY TRUE COUNTENANCE!
TREMBLE NOTHING--
--YOU BLOOD-SUCKER!
SLASH
WHUCK
YOU'RE OUT OF PRACTICE, ESCHBACHER! YOUR STRENGTH IS STILL IN EFFECT, BUT YOUR STOLEN POWERS LAY FALLOW TOO LONG!
THAT'S RIGHT! MY SEARCH--FOR NEW HEROES! HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOTTEN? SOME SORT OF SORCERY...?
"MY MEMORY WAS RETURNING, BUT LIKE A FISTFUL OF SAND, DIFFICULT TO HOLD.
"THAT WAS WHEN I MADE MY GREATEST MISTAKE--AND MY LAST..."

QUICKLY! YOUR NAME, CHILD!?
L-LISA...
THERE IS NO TIME TO EXPLAIN, LISA. THE POWERS MUST BE PRESERVED! YOU MUST...
...THE OLD HELIOPOLIS CINEMA-- YOU KNOW IT?
Y-YES...
I MUST FIND SUCCESSORS! THE POWERS... ARE IN SAR-COPHAGI, IN A HIDDEN LABORATORY... WAITING FOR THE WORTHY...
TAKE THIS, THE KEY LIKE MINE-- YOU'LL NEED THIS KEY!
THE FATE OF THE WORLD... IN YOUR HANDS NOW, LISA...
I MUST FIGHT THE BEAST WITH MY LIFE - BUT YOU--YOU MUST RUN AS IF DEATH WERE AT YOUR HEELS! YOUR LIFE IS OVER, GIRL! BEGIN ANEW!
STAY ON HER TAIL, GEORGE! SHOOT! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
THIS ALL SEEMS SO CRAZY! AN HOUR AGO, I WAS READY TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING--
--AND NOW SOME DRUNKEN OBI-WAN WANTS ME TO BECOME A JEDI KNIGHT!
BUT... HE WAS FLYING! COULD HIS STORY REALLY BE--?!
MY LIFE IS OVER-- WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?!
YEAH, RIGHT, KENNY!
YOU SHOULDA KNOWN THAT DUMPING LISA WOULD BRING OUT THE MARAUDING LIZARD-PEOPLE!

WILL YOU SURRENDER THE POWER, ESCHBACHER?
WORLDS AWAIT YOUR CHOICE!
NO! I--
--MY HAND! SOME KIND OF BAYONET?! THAT KEY--IT'S CHANGING ME AGAIN--I NEED TO REMEMBER!
TELL ME WHAT MORE YOU'VE REMEMBERED! WHERE HAVE YOU SENT THE GIRL, THIEF?!
A-A PLACE OF SAFETY!
BTAM
OF SAFE-KEEPING, YOU MEAN! MY THIRTY YEAR SEARCH FOR THE GUIO SARCOPHAGI IS FINALLY AT AN END!
NO! WE NEED... THE POWERS... FOR EARTH!
PETTY HUMAN...
WHACK
...THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS, OTHER GALAXIES, DESPERATE FOR THE PEACEGIVERS OF GUIO!
BUT YOU'VE MADE YOUR CHOICE. PREPARE TO DIE BY IT.

"I IMAGINED THEN WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE FOR HER... WALKING INTO THE HOME I HADN'T SEEN FOR SO MANY YEARS...
"... MY PAXIS LABORATORY..."
"MY VOICE WOULD BOOM OVER SPEAKERS, BREAKING A SILENCE OF A DECADE SPEAKING A PROMISE UNFULFILLED...
Enter freely, key-bearer.
OH... MY... GOD...
Welcome, chosen ones! I know I have searched long and hard for you, my Neo-Paxis.
The five of you—pure of spirit, free from the petty faults and deadly vices which destroyed my friends, the first Paxis—
—need only enter the power sarcophagi, to begin your life anew...as Hyperkind!
LISA! STOP! GET OUT OF THAT THING!
YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
WOW!
LISA, PLEASE, DON'T DO THIS!
YOU... HAVE NO HOLD ON ME ANYMORE, KENNY!
Y-YOU'RE MY PAST.
I'M LOOKING TO MY FUTURE!
BUT... I... I DID LOVE YOU, KENNY!
NO!
LISA!

"I PRAYED FOR LISA THEN--AND FOR MYSELF-- THAT WE MIGHT BOTH SURVIVE..."
YOU WILL STAND IN MY WAY NO LONGER!
THE POWERS WERE MINE TO GIVE, ESCHBACHER-- AND THEY ARE MINE TO TAKE AWAY!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOUR DIVINA PARTICULA AURA, YOUR POWER SELF! THERE ARE ONLY THREE WAYS TO REMOVE IT!
AAAGH!
YOU HAVE REFUSED THE FIRST TWO, LEAVING ME NO CHOICE... BUT TO RIP YOUR SOUL IN TWO!
I--CAN'T CONTROL IT!
NO, BUT ITS DESTINATION IS FIXED...
...I NEED ONLY TO FOLLOW ITS TRAIL TO THE SARCOPHAGUS IN WHICH IT DWELLS...
...TO REGAIN MY PEOPLE'S STOLEN BIRTHRIGHT, AND LEAVE THIS WRETCHED PLANET AT LAST!
AND YOU, ESCHBACHER--
--YOU SHALL COME WITH ME!
I ONLY PRAY YOU SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO WITNESS MY TRIUMPH!

Once locked into a sarcophagus, the transfiguration process will strip you of flesh, replace your skeleton with metal...
...and recreate you in a new form, refined from the fertile ore of your imagination.
Each sarcophagus has a particular power—one carefully chosen for you—
—and you will walk away embellished, with a divine particula aura of great force.
"EVEN THROUGH THE HAZE OF APPROACHING DEATH, I FELT MY AURA SLIP COMFORTABLY BACK INTO MY SARCOPHAGUS--
"--AS CLEARLY AS I FELT THE INSTANTANEOUS TWINGE OF JEALOUSY AND BETRAYAL AS IT FLOWED INTO ANOTHER.
"MY POWER IN ANOTHER...
"THEN I KNEW MY MISTAKE. BUT OF COURSE, THEN IT WAS TOO LATE."
LISTEN! BREAKING THROUGH THE WALL--! I NEVER EVEN DREAMED OF SUCH THINGS!
I-I'LL GET HER OUT! GOT TO THINK STRAIGHT FOR ONCE!
MAN, WHATEVER'S COMING--I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
I DIDN'T ASK FOR NO FIGHT!
STAND BACK FROM THOSE SARCOPHAGI! THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH!
KRASH
HE'S AFRAID OF THESE! MAYBE THE ANSWER TO STOPPING HIM IS INSIDE!
ALL OF YOU--GET INTO THE SARCOPHEE... INTO THESE! IT-IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
AIN'T NO WAY OUT OF THIS FIGHT--!
IF I'M GONNA STEP TO WITH GODZILLA, I'D BETTER POWER UP!
MAN, WHERE'S PROFESSOR X WHEN YOU NEED HIM?
MAYBE KENNY'S RIGHT! I CAN HIDE IN THIS THING WITHOUT TURNING IT ON--
--WITHOUT IT KILLING ME...
NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE A NIGHTMARE WORSE THAN DADDY!

I'LL HAVE TO STOP THEM IN MID-TRANSFORMATION! A HORRIBLE DEATH-- BUT THERE'S NO CHOICE!
THERMAKK... NO... THEY'RE ONLY CHILDREN!
WE DON'T HAVE TO DEPEND ON THE LIZARD'S CONSCIENCE, ESCHBACHER--
NOOO!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
YES I DO!
MAYBE I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE DEFENDING THOSE THREE--
--BUT I'M NOT LETTING YOU HURT ANYONE ELSE!
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CHOOM

"BUT ALL THAT IS MUST. ALL THAT REMAINS IS...MY DEATH.
"BUT NOT MY END...
HE...HE IS DEAD! YOU HAVE KILLED HIM!
BUT YOU WON'T KILL US!
"...GOD HELP THE WORLD...YOU CHILDREN... WILL HAVE...TO SUFFICE..."
I'VE ONLY BEGUN!
KOWAO
I'VE TRIED REASON... FORCE... BUT IN THE END, YOU HUMANS ARE TOO TENACIOUS.
SKUSH
I WILL UNDER-ESTIMATE YOU NO LONGER!
NOW USURPERS... FACE THE THUNDEROUS VENGEANCE OF THERMAKK, LAWGIVER OF GOD!
"...STRENGTH... AND GRACE... MY HYPERKIND..."
YOU'VE MADE YOUR CHOICE--NOW DIE BY IT!
NEXT: BLOOD ON HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD!